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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
concerning the management and control of certain catch quotas allocated
for 1983 for vessels flying the flag of a Member State and fishing in
the Regulatory Area defined in the NAFO Convention

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. At its annual meeting on 15 September 1982 the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) adopted proposals for catch quotas for the year 1983 of certain fish stocks occurring in the Regulatory Area defined in the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, to which the Community is a Contracting Party. These proposals become measures binding upon all Contracting Parties to the Convention on 27 December 1982 unless they have lodged an objection pursuant to Article XII of the NAFO Convention. The Commission sees no reason for an objection by the Community. Consequently, the Community will be bound to adopt appropriate measures to implement the catch limitations provided for in the proposals concerned. This is the purpose of the present proposal.
2. Since the NAFO proposal on squid in areas 3 and 4 made on 15 September 1982 does not provide for specific quotas for Canada and the Community, and since it has not proved possible for the two parties to agree on their respective shares of the TAC for this stock, the Commission proposes that the Community establish a quota for its own fishermen which takes account of the TAC proposed by NAFO for the total stock and of the interest of Community fishermen.
3. The other elements of the proposed Regulation, concerning measures to ensure adequate control of fishing activity in the Regulatory Area, are unchanged from the provisions of the corresponding Regulation for 1982 adopted by the Council (1).

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community, and in particular Article 43
thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commis-
sion⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European
Parliament⁽²⁾,

Whereas the Convention on Future Multilateral
Cooperation in the North-West Atlantic Fisheries⁽³⁾,
hereinafter referred to as 'the NAFO Convention', was
approved by the Council in its Regulation (EEC) No
3179/78⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas the NAFO Convention entered into force on
1 January 1979;

Whereas the Fisheries Commission of the North-West
Atlantic Fisheries Organization adopted on
September 1982 a proposal establishing limitations for
catches of certain species in the Regulatory Area for
1983, which became a measure binding upon the
Community on 1982;

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Community to
take appropriate steps to ensure compliance by
Community vessels with the said measure;

Whereas the NAFO Commission proposal on squid,
made on September 1982 does not provide for
specific quotas for Canada and the Community;
whereas the Community should therefore establish a
quota for its own fishermen at a level which takes
account both of the TAC proposed by NAFO for the
entire stock and of the interests of Community
fishermen;

Whereas information about catches by Community
vessels should be made available to their respective
Member States and to the Commission in order to
ensure that these quotas are complied with,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 31 December 1983 catches of
the species mentioned in Annex I, by vessels flying
the flag of a Member State in the Regulatory Area, as
defined in Article 1 (2) of the NAFO Convention,
shall be limited, within the parts of the Regulatory
Area referred to in the said Annex, to the quotas set
out therein.

2. By-catches of the species referred to in Annex I
taken in those areas in which no allocation for a
directed fishery is provided by this Regulation shall
not exceed, for each of the species on board the vessel,
listed in Annex I, 2 500 kg or 10 % by weight of all
fish on board the vessel, whichever is the greater.

Article 2

1. Vessels fishing in the area referred to in Article 1
shall keep a log-book in which the information speci-
fied in Annex II is to be entered.

2. Vessels fishing in the area referred to in Article 1
shall transmit to the authorities of their flag State by
the 16th day of each month in respect of the first half
of that month and by the first day of each month in
respect of the second half of the preceding month,
reports concerning their catches in the said area. Such
reports shall give catches in tonnes by species and
quota area for the period covered by the report.

3. Vessels intending to fish in the Regulatory Area
for a particular stock for which no quota has been allo-
cated to the Community, shall transmit to the authori-
ties of their flag State notification of such an intention,
at least 72 hours before starting to fish for an amount
allocated to 'Others' for that stock, together, if possible,
with an estimate of the projected catch. Vessels
engaging in such a fishery shall transmit to the autho-
rities of their flag State reports of catches from that
stock, at 48-hour intervals.

Article 3

1. Member States shall transmit regularly to the
Commission the reports of vessels flying their flag
which have been made in accordance with Article 2
(2). Reports received in respect of the first half of each
month shall be transmitted to the Commission by the
20th day of the same month and those received in
respect of the second half of each month shall be
transmitted by the fifth day of the following month.

(1) OJ No C 1982, p. ...
(2) OJ No C 1982, p. ...
(3) OJ No L 378, 30. 12. 1978, p. 2.
(4) OJ No L 378, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1.

2. Member States shall transmit without delay to the Commission information received in accordance with Article 2 (3).

3. Member States shall transmit to the Commission by the 20th day of each month information concerning the landings made during the previous month by vessels flying their flag fishing in the area referred to in Article 1.

Article 4

Member States shall inform the Commission of all vessels flying their flag which intend to engage in fishing or in the processing of sea-fish in the area referred to in Article 1 at least 30 days before the intended commencement of such activity. This information shall include:

- (a) name of the vessel;
- (b) official number of the vessel registered by the appropriate national authorities;
- (c) home port of the vessel;
- (d) name of owner or charterer of the vessel;
- (e) a declaration that the master has been provided with a copy of the regulations in force in the Regulatory Area;
- (f) principal target species of the vessel while fishing within the Regulatory Area;
- (g) subareas where the vessel will be expected to fish.

Article 5

1. When informed by the Executive Secretary of the North-West Atlantic Fisheries Organization that one of the quotas referred to in Article 2 (3) has been fully utilized, the Commission shall so inform the Member States, which shall take appropriate measures to ensure that fishing by vessels flying their flag for the stock concerned shall cease within three working days of the date of receipt by the Commission of the information from the Executive Secretary.

2. If the Commission has reason to believe, on the basis of the information received from the Member States, that the quota concerned has been fully utilized, it shall, without waiting for the notification from the Executive Secretary, so inform the Member States, which shall take appropriate measures to ensure that fishing by vessels flying their flag for the stock in question shall cease without delay.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 January to 31 December 1983

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, .

For the Council

The President

ANNEX I

Catch quotas for the period 1 January to 31 December 1983

Species	NAFO Division	Quotas (tonnes)
Cod	3 NO	210
	3 M	Germany 700 France 300 United Kingdom 1 405
American plaice	3 LNO	700 ⁽²⁾
	3 M	500 ⁽¹⁾
Yellowtail flounder	3 LNO	380
Redfish	3 M	1 200
	3 LN	150 ⁽¹⁾
Witch	3 NO	50 ⁽¹⁾
Squid (Illex)	3 + 4	9 750 ⁽²⁾
Capelin	3 LNO	0

⁽¹⁾ This quota has not been allocated exclusively to Community vessels but to all Contracting Parties to NAFO having no specific allocation, including the Community. Fishing by Community vessels shall thus be suspended once the Community has been informed that the total quota has been exhausted.

⁽²⁾ Less any quantity taken by Community vessels in the parts of NAFO subareas falling within areas of national fisheries jurisdiction.

ANNEX II

Items of information to appear in the log-book

Information	Code
Vessel name	01
Vessel nationality	02
Vessel registration number	03
Registration port	04
Type of gear used (daily)	10
Type of gear	2 ⁽¹⁾
Date :	
— day	20
— month	21
— year	22
Position :	
— latitude	31
— longitude	32
— statistical area	33
Number of hauls during the 24-hour period ⁽²⁾	40
Number of hours gear-fished during the 24-hour period ⁽²⁾	41
Species names	2 ⁽¹⁾
Daily catch of each species (tonnes live weight)	50
Daily catch of each species for human consumption in the form of fish	61
Daily catch of each species for reduction	62
Daily discard of each species	63
Place(s) of transhipment	70
Date(s) of transhipment	71
Master's signature	80

(¹) Codes to be completed by one of the items of information given in the second part of this Annex.

(²) When two or more types of gear are used in the same 24-hour period, records should be separate for the different types.

Standard FAO abbreviations for main species

Abbreviation	Species	Abbreviation	Species
ALE	Alewife	MEN	Atlantic menhaden
ARG	Atlantic argentine	MIX	Mixed species
BUT	Atlantic butterflyfish	MOL	Molluscs
CAP	Capelin	PEL	Pelagic fish (not specified)
CAT	Wolffishes (= catfishes)	PLA	American plaice
COD	Atlantic cod	POK	Pollock (= saithe)
CRA	Crabs	RED	Atlantic redfish
CRU	Crustaceans	RNG	Roundnose grenadier
DOG	Dogfish	SAL	Atlantic salmon
FLW	Winter flounder	SAU	Atlantic saury
FLX	Flatfishes (not specified)	SCA	Sea scallops
GHL	Greenland halibut	SHA	Sharks
GRC	Greenland cod	SHR	Shrimps
GRO	Groundfish (not specified)	SKA	Skates (not specified)
HAD	Haddock	SQU	Squids
HAL	Atlantic halibut	SWO	Swordfish
HER	Atlantic herring	SWX	Seaweeds
HKR	Red hake	TUN	Tuna
HKS	Silver hake	URC	American sea urchin
HKW	White hake	USK	Cusk (= tusk)
INV	Shellfish (not specified)	VFF	Finfish (not specified)
LOB	Northern lobster	WIT	Witch flounder
MAC	Atlantic mackerel	YEL	Yellowtail flounder

Standard FAO abbreviations for gears

Abbreviation	Gear
OTB	Bottom otter trawl (side or stern not specified)
OTB 1	Bottom otter trawl (side)
OTB 2	Bottom otter trawl (stern)
OTM	Midwater otter trawl (side or stern not specified)
OTM 1	Midwater otter trawl (side)
OTM 2	Midwater otter trawl (stern)
PTB	Bottom pair trawl (two boats)
PTM	Midwater pair trawl (two boats)
—	Shrimp trawl (now included in bottom otter trawl categories)
SDN	Danish seines
SSC	Scottish seines
SPR	Pair seine (two boats)
SB	Beach seines
PS	Purse seines
GN	Gillnets (not specified)
GNS	Gillnets (set)
GND	Gillnets (drift)
LL	Longlines (set or drift not specified)
LLS	Longlines (set)
LLD	Longlines (drift)
LHP	Handlines and pole-lines
LHM	Handlines and pole-lines (mechanized)
LTL	Troll lines
FIX	Traps (not specified)
FPN	Uncovered pound nets
FPO	Covered pots and fyke nets
FWR	Barriers, fences, weirs, etc.
DRB	Boat dredges
DRH	Hand dredges (e.g. rakes and tongs)
HAR	Harpoons
MIS	Miscellaneous gears
NK	Gears not known